

Project: 636A8-13-001 – REPLACE SPRINKLER HEADS

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The following responses are provided in regards to questions received from contractors and/or potential offerors during the solicitation phase of this requirement.

1. Section 01-00 00-7, paragraph K, What fire protection systems require a fire watch?

As the work is to be performed during normal work days and hours of the operation of the hospital this will not be required.

2. Section 01-00 00-9, paragraph G, Is there information about the phasing of this project?

Phasing is the responsibility of the contractor and approved by the VA project manager.

3. Section 210511, paragraph 1.3, E, Besides the owner training at the end of the project, is there ongoing training required?

No.

4. Section 210511, paragraph 1.3, G, Are standpipes required?

All standpipes are existing.

5. Section 210511, paragraph 1.4, B2, If we use standard UL/FM approved hangers are hanger load calculations required?

No, if the hanger is approved by UL/FM for use in the sprinkler system, not calculations are required.

6. Section 210511, paragraph 2.2, What electric motors are required on the fire sprinkler scope?

There are not electric motors on this project.

7. Section 210511, paragraph 3.1, D, What does it mean “at times that will least interfere with normal operation”?

As the work will be done during normal day time hours during regular week days, the contractor shall be sure not to disrupt the normal operations of each area involved. Schedule coordination will be critical.

8. Section 211000, paragraph 1.3, B3, What is the gpm flow when the water flow test was taken?

There is no paragraph 1.3 letter B3 however the facility has the flow test on the fire pump which feed all areas of the hospital.

9. Section 211000, paragraph 1.5, D17, Where are valve cabinets required?

There is no paragraph 1.5 letter D17. All valve cabinets in the facility are existing.

10. Section 211000, paragraph 2.7, E, Please provide an example of this extension pole tool.

There is no 2.7 E paragraph in the 211000 specification section(?). This tool would not be required.

11. Section 211000, paragraph 3.1, J, Is CPVC plastic piping allowed on this project?

No. CPVC pipe is not allowed for any VA projects.

12. Do you require or prefer we use a portable enclosure like what is made by Hepacart company or another level of enclosure. The criteria for the enclosure will be if the area is directly related to direct patient care. These are listed in the general notes on the title sheet drawing.

- a. When we replace sprinkler heads in hall ways
- b. Removing a single ceiling tile, multiple ceiling tiles
- c. Cutting holes in sheetrock ceilings

13. Is active or passive air sampling required?

This will be as directed by the VA infection control officer. We generally only do air sampling in asbestos abatement situations.

14. When we are finished in a work area to you want us to;

- a. Clean all surfaces in work area, Yes.
- b. Mopping, vacuuming, Yes.

15. Do we need to isolate the HVAC system in any work area?

No, the portable enclosure will confine the dust to a small area.

16. Is there a limit of ceiling tiles we can remove at one time?

Generally allowed 4, if required more may be allowed but must be kept to the minimum. Be aware that the open ceiling must be inside the protective enclosure and all tiles must be replaced before leaving work area.

17. Will all work areas be considered low hazard areas based on infection control levels.

Yes.

18. What traffic and safety barriers will be required around work areas?

A reasonable level of care and directions around each area will be adequate.

19. We will have two portable carts per work area. Will these be allowed to be stored on the floor we are working between shifts or will they need to be brought back to a central location. Is there a central location we can keep our material and tools and where would this be located?

They will need to be brought back to a central location. From the pre-bid conference there was discussion to the fact that the sub-basement should have some area for contractor to store carts during the non-work day periods or other areas as assigned by the VA. There are requirements so that the VA staff will still have access to their tools and materials.